

Middlesex Recreation Commission  
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846  
Commission Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2016

Chair Sherley Penrose opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Commission members present:

Bob May  
Sherley Penrose  
Rich Rutkowski  
Lileen Schwarz  
Rich Tarbous

Members Absent:

Kevin Dotey  
Cassius Kennick

Also present:

John Madden, Council Liaison  
Dina Fornataro-Healey, Recreation Director  
Mike Girvan, Assist. Recreation Director

Bob May made a motion to accept March 2016 minutes with a second by Rich Tarbous and approved by all members present.

**Public Session:**

No one present

**Directors Report**

- Basketball program has ended on March 12<sup>th</sup> with minimal issues.
- Basketball Clinics with Coach Goldstein will begin on April 11<sup>th</sup> and run through June 6<sup>th</sup>. There are 25 children registered.
- Baseball/Softball total registration is 136. The breakdown is: Lil Sluggers: 31, Small Fry: 19, Small Girls: 16, Farm League: 15, Junior League: 22, Major League: 33. The Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. course was held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Photo day is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> pending BOE approval to use the Mauger Old Gym.
- Buddy Ball Soccer forms will be going out soon as a spring activity.
- Men's Softball had one team registered and two others verbally committed. Efforts were tried to combine with Piscataway and that did not work out. The teams have been notified that there will be no league in Middlesex this season. The one team who registered was mailed a voucher for reimbursement.
- Yoga current session runs through May 2nd. There are 13 registered.
- Toddler programs spring sessions run through mid-May. There are 45 children registered. The summer Happy Camper Club registration is out and we are offering 5 weeks.

- Movie in the Park movie nights will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup> and in conjunction with National Night Out on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- PonyShare summer camp week will be held from July 11<sup>th</sup> to July 14<sup>th</sup> in Mt. View Park.
- Tennis US Sports Institute will offer a Thursday and/or Sunday tennis program starting mid-April at Mt. View Park. There will also be a four day tennis camp the weeks of July 5<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- US Sports will be running two sessions of multi sports programs for ages 3-5 in Mt. View Park. One session will begin in April and the other in June.
- Easter Egg Hunt was a success. It was well attended and the weather was mild.
- Summer Playground permit requests were sent to BOE. The program will run from June 27<sup>th</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>. Applications for staff are out and accepted through April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Slide at Haverstick Park – steps on the dinosaur slide are damaged from years of wear and tear. The governing body has allocated capital funds to replace slide.
- Funds from the Trust maintenance line have been allocated to replace bottom rails on fencing at Haverstick, Simchock and Morgan parks/fields.

### **Councilmatic report**

1. Councilman Madden also stated that capital funds will be used to replace dinosaur slide at Haverstick Park.
2. Councilman Madden explained there is going to be Middlesex Celebration Day in July. There will local vendors there too.

### **Trust Account and Account details report**

Motion to accept made by Rich Rutkowski pending the auditors' approval and seconded by Bob May. Roll call was taken with all Commissioners approving.

### **Commission Committee reports-** No reports

### **Board of Education Report** - No representative

### **Correspondence** - None

### **Volunteer nomination** - None

### **New Business**

1. The Commission approved the list of baseball and softball coaches which were given by the Rec Director pending they all are current with the Rutgers safety course, fingerprinting and submitted the signed policy. Motion was made by Rich Rutkowski seconded by Bob May; roll call vote was taken, all in favor.
2. Change will be made to Policy #3 Item #18 – remove phrase stating fingerprinting location is at MorphoTrak. Motion was made by Rich Rutkowski seconded by Bob May to accept the changes to Policy #3 Item #18. The roll was called and all were in agreement.
3. Two OPRA requests have been received and addressed.

### **Old Business**

1. Still seeking full time help in the Recreation Director's Office. Recreation Director explained that the help doesn't have to be full time but can be part time for 15 hours a week. Councilman Madden will bring the suggestion of part time help up to the council.
2. Recreation Commission is still working on ways to resolve issue with closing west side of road in the back of MVP. Recreation Director is going to meet with DPW as to where to put new signs and paint crosswalk.

Seeing no other old or new business, Commissioner Penrose read a statement advising residents that the approved minutes will be available on the Borough Website within three working days of the meeting and the agenda for the next meeting will be posted on the Recreation Bulletin Board no later than 48 hours prior to the monthly meeting.

At 8:00 p.m., Commissioner Rich Rutkowski made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Rich Tarbous.

Next Recreation Commission meeting will be May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 7:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Minutes submitted by  
Linda Chicarelli, Rec-Commission Secretary